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About LDA Halton

The Learning Disabilities Association of Halton is a community-based not for profit that works with school boards and other community-based organizations to improve services and support for person with learning disabilities.

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Executive Director's Message

RING OUT THE OLD AND RING IN THE NEW! NEW YEAR THAT IS.



Hard to believe that Christmas is done and 2015 is just around the corner. It has been a whirlwind 3-4 months of non-stop activity here in the centre and out in our community. We look forward to the New Year, conquering new challenges and continuing to grow our chapter.

I want to personally thank **Diane Vandenbossche**, our President for her support of parents in our Halton community. She has committed countless hours over the past 4 months working with and guiding parents in need of education, advice and in understanding the role they play as advocates for their children with learning disabilities. However, we don't let her off the hook easily. She brings her expertise to us in the form of presenter and as a former Special Education teacher, for our January lecture, [Organizing the Disorganized Learner-](#) January 17th 2015 from 9 am until noon. I have waited for about 10 years to catch her presentation and am glad she has offered to present it for us here at LDA Halton.

Attention Parents and Educators-

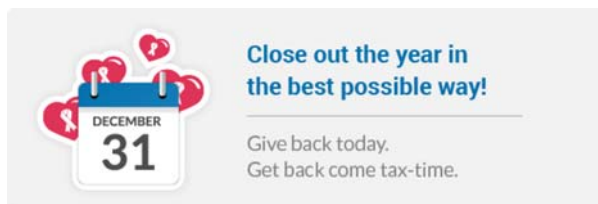
I encourage you to take some time to read this [blog post](#). I came across it on the web, posted by another organization representing an "invisible" disability and I think it really sums up how our population with LD feels and is often treated. My advice - don't accept limitations as a possibility for your child. Have expectations and guide them to achieving great things!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all our contributors over the past year. From our members to our sponsors to our community parents that drop in with a trunk load of snacks for our program kids - we are grateful for you all! We exist because **YOU** help support us being here, having doors to open, people to speak to, materials to hand out, information to provide and hugs for the kids when they have had a brutal day at school. We don't take this role lightly and it is an ongoing privilege to serve the Halton community and our family members living with a learning disability.

We need your help.....

At a time when many charities are dipping into the same shallow giving pots and many becoming patrons becoming donor fatigued we need your financial support more than ever. If you haven't considered making even a small donation to our chapter please do so now before December 31st, 2014 and end the year by giving back. We have a \$10,000 ask campaign goal. Help us reach that goal won't you?

Click on the image here and you can make your end of year donation quickly and easily.....



and help us have a Happy New Year too!

Annual Lecture Series

January 2015

- [Organizing the Disorganized Learner](#) - Saturday January 17th

Registrations for all of the above lectures are now open on our [website](#).

February 2015 - Executive Skills Can Start at Home

This workshop will highlight some of the strategies presented in Peg Dawson and Richard Guare's book titled, **Smart but Scattered**. Consider this presentation the "Coles Notes" version of the best within this great book. The Goal: Help parents create strategies for daily routines at home that can transition to strategies for use at school.

Registration opening soon on our website.

March 2015 - no lectures planned as our conference is taking place March 26th, 2015 in Burlington, Ontario.

Program Updates

Beginner Keyboarding Classes

Our next session of keyboarding classes is scheduled to start on January 10th, 2015 and we hope to run another in the Spring. Seats are filling up fast - before we can even get word out. Once the class is full we will take wait list names and consider the possibility of running a consecutive time slot for the additional students from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm. Please note: a minimum of 3 students will be needed to run the second block.

[Register here.](#)

Exam Preparation 101 for High School Students with or without LD

January 10th, 2015 (1 day only) **limited seats**

Grades 9-10 from 1-3 pm and Grades 11-12 from 3-5 pm

In partnership with StudySpot Educational Services we are offering a workshop for high school students in order to guide them in preparing for exams and tests taking place in January. [Register here.](#)

Download workshop flyer [here.](#)

Registration Opens January 2nd, 2015 - Preview Flyer Here



Learning Disabilities Association of Halton presents.....

4th Annual Solutions for Learning Conference

Thursday March 26th, 2015

Minds That Matter

Burlington Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre

8:45 am - 3:15 pm

A day of learning for parents, educators, para-professionals and other interested persons.

Register online at WWW.LDAHALTON.CA or mail your [registration with this form.](#)

Additional Mentions

Interested in Test Participation?

Brili is a system that helps kids manage daily routines and transitions by bringing these to life as a game. Caregivers will be able to set up individualized routines for kids using a mobile device, and tasks like brushing teeth, packing lunch or doing homework will appear on a tablet or other screens. Brili helps kids understand the relationship between time and their tasks while they earn points towards rewards. Parents and teachers can track progress in real time from their own device, as children receive visual and audible prompts to help them stay on track. For a complete overview, please visit <http://brili.co>.



Brili will begin testing the child-facing portion of the system in early December and would like to get families' candid feedback after trying it in real-world situations.

To participate in the test, or to receive a notification when the product is officially launched, please contact pierre@brili.co or

register at <http://brili.co>.

Volunteer Updates and Appreciation

On October 21st, 2014 we held our Volunteer Orientation meeting to acquaint some of our volunteers with who we are as an organization, the activities we need assistance with and how we hope to move forward with our volunteer committees and projects. Unfortunately without sufficient RSVPs we postponed our Community Awareness Committee meeting. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending out a meeting invitation to our Awareness Committee and our Conference Committee to divvy up the various tasks and get rolling on these two initiatives. If you are currently on our volunteer list please watch for our email invite and ensure our emails do not go to your SPAM folders.



Are you a teacher seeking classroom resources and strategies to support students with learning disabilities? Are you a parent wanting more information about the same? Look no further than the LD@school website. [Read more.](#)

Next Board Meeting



We welcome guests who may be interested in finding out more about our organization or supporting our working board with projects.

Where: LDAH Resource Centre

Time: 7:00 pm

Phone: 905-333-1977 for our next scheduled meeting

Email: info@ldahalton.ca

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